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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(C)**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make all references listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith of record in the above-identified application. It is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be “prior art” within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103.

The Office is authorized to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for this submission to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,

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